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In re Patent Application of:
Bernard Smeets et al.

Application No.: 09/821533

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Art Unit: 2137

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURE
LEVELED ACCESS CONTROL

Examiner: C. D. Fields

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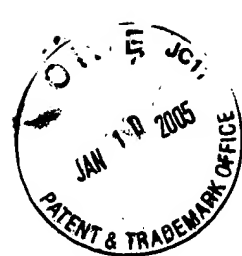
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2004 (Paper No. 09282004), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.



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Applicant(s): Bernard Smeets et al.

Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURE LEVELED ACCESS CONTROL

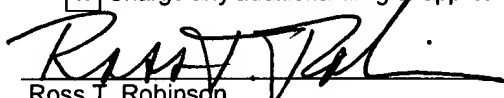
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